

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ROGER DUANE ORTEGO AND * CIVIL ACTION NO.: 07-CIV-9641
BRYAN F. GILL, JR., AS TRUSTEE *
OF THE BANKRUPTCY ESTATE OF * JUDGE HAIGHT
ROGER DUANE ORTEGO *
*
VERSUS *
*
MORAN TOWING CORPORATION *

RULE 26(f) CONFERENCE REPORT

A meeting of counsel was held on February 13, 2008 by telephone conference. The following persons participated:

J. LEE HOFFOSS, JR., ESQ.

Counsel for Plaintiffs, Roger Duane Ortego and Bryan F. Gill, Jr.,
as Trustee of the Bankruptcy Estate of Roger Duane Ortego;

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Counsel for Defendant, Moran Towing Corporation

1. Nature of Plaintiff's Claim:

Jones Act negligence and damages

2. Bench or Jury Trial

Jury trial was requested by plaintiffs in the Complaint.

3. Initial Disclosures

Initial Disclosures have been made by the parties.

4. Jurisdiction

There are no challenges to the jurisdiction of this Court.

5. Joinder of Parties and Amendment of Pleadings

Plaintiffs and Defendant have agreed to a stipulation substituting Moran Towing & Transportation, L.L.C. (formerly Seaboard Barge Corporation, which was the employer of Roger Duane Ortego at the time of the accident), in place of Moran Towing Corporation, the parent company of Moran Towing & Transportation, L.L.C. and Seaboard Barge Corporation, which stipulation will be made part of the record.

6. Discovery Issues

- A. The parties do not anticipate any discovery disputes at this time.
- B. The parties believe that discovery can be completed by July 31, 2008.
- C. Discovery issues include negligence, causation of injuries, and damages.

7. Motion Practice

There are no motions pending at this time.

8. Alternative Dispute Resolution

The parties are amenable to mediation.

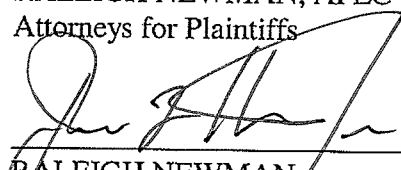
9. Related Cases

No other related cases.

DATED: FEBRUARY 19, 2008.

Respectfully submitted:

RALEIGH NEWMAN, APLC
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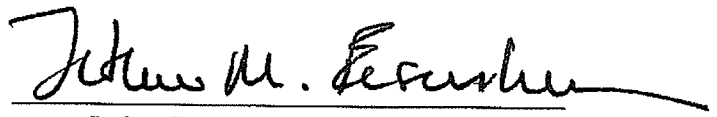


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